



# Buckland School Newsletter

Buckland School is committed to providing quality education that engages all students fully in a wide range of learning experiences that will assist them in preparing for the challenges of the future.

Term 2 Week 9

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8 June 2020

Kia Ora Buckland School  
Whanau and Community Members

- ◆ As we eagerly await the Government decision as to when we will drop to Alert Level 1 we will continue with the drop offs and pickups as we have for the last few weeks. Teachers have acknowledged the wonderful way children (right down to our 5 year olds) have shown independence with coming into the school without Mum and Dad and the way they have been able to organise themselves and prepare for the day. We look forward to this continuing when the school is open for parents. **Morning Drop offs** – We will continue with the drop offs being as close to 8.55 a.m. as possible and no earlier than 8.30a.m. (Unless arrangement has been made with principal.) Children must enter at either of the two George Crescent gates. Staff members will continue to be out the front to welcome your children. Children will make their way straight to their classrooms, sanitize hands, and will have activities to occupy them prior to the start of the school day.
- ◆ **Afternoon Staggered Pickups** – **2.30p.m.** for Piwakawaka plus older siblings., **2.40p.m.** for Titipounamu and Ruru and older siblings, **2.50p.m.** for Yr 3 & 4, (plus siblings) **3.00p.m.** for rest of children. We would like all children to have left by 3.15p.m. The patrolled crossing will operate.
- ◆ **Soap & Hand Sanitizer**—these are being used regularly in all classrooms and will continue to be used.
- ◆ **Uniform Orders**— These must be emailed and paid for online until further notice. Please leave the tags on and try on for size. If you require a different size this can be arranged.
- ◆ **Mid Year Reports**—Due to COVID-19 you will not be receiving the usual mid year report for your child. Teachers are working on a modified report format which will include comments on how your child has settled back into school since the lockdown, a sample of their work and some student voice. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers at the end of the term if requested.
- ◆ **Change of Clothes**—Children require a change of clothes for playing on fields and also for cross country training which is beginning

this week. Please remind them to put these into their bags daily.

- ◆ **Speeches**—Children have been working on writing persuasive pieces of writing in class which will lead to speeches. This year there will be no pressure put on those who do not want to give their speech in front of their class however there will still be a Speech Contest.
- ◆ **School Assembly**—We had a great Zoom assembly last week with only a few technical hitches for some classes. Our certificate list follows.
- ◆ **Agricultural Day 2020**—Earlier this term the Board of Trustees put out their Term 2 newsletter in which they outlined how this year's Agricultural Day would operate. Their decision was to proceed with children showing animals i.e. calves, lambs, goats and chickens but with the understanding that at any stage, with the guidance from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health, the BoT can at its sole discretion cancel the attendance and judging of animals. The garden competition will go ahead with the same conditions. Please refer to their newsletter for further details on how Agricultural Day will operate. It was also decided that all classroom exhibits and fundraising activities for 2020 would be cancelled.
- ◆ **Chickens for Agricultural Day**—if you would like to order a chicken to rear for this year's Agricultural Day please use the order form in this newsletter. **All chickens must be ordered through our school for uniformity of judging.** It is best to order more than one chicken to allow for mishaps. This year there is only one hatch date available—Tuesday 7 July. Families who order chickens will need to be available to collect them from the school on this day, (the first Tuesday of the July school holidays—time to be confirmed). The cost for each chicken is \$5.00. Your order and payment can be given to your classroom teacher who will pass it on.

## Congratulations to:

- ◆ The following children who received awards at last week's school assembly: **Piwakawaka:** Jacx, Crystal, Baylee, Lorelai, **Titipounamu:** Theo, Phinaya, Mason, Liam, **Ruru:** Damien,

Matthew, Riley, Milo, **Tui:** Dana, Jacob, George, Emily, **Kakapo:** Milly, Toby, Zara, Zac, **Kereru:** Illa, April, Connor, Cayden, **Takahe:** Jack, Kiani, Ava, Elle, Isobel, Avaleigh, Flynn, Aiden, Zac, **Karearea:** Emily, Lucy, Thomas, Taine, **Weka:** Meg, Mia, Sam, Coen, Saige, **Kea:** Tadhg, Casey, Ruben, Victoria

**Principal's Award:** Taylor in Takahe

**Lion Award:** Zac in Takahe

- ◆ The following children who received Gold Athletics Certificates at last week's assembly: **Weka:** Zara, Saige, Hayden, **Karearea:** Aiyana, **Takahe:** Zac, **Kereru:** Lee, **Tui:** Lachlan, **Ruru:** Tristan, Roxy, Layla, Riley, **Titipounamu:** Travis
- Top Mathletes:** Sam & Leo in Weka
- Top Athletics Classes:** Kereru & Ruru

## Thanks to:

- ◆ Families and staff who have donated items of food for our families. These have been much appreciated.
- ◆ Thank you for the way you are dropping off your children at the gate in the mornings and picking them up at the allocated times in the afternoons and not coming into the school grounds.

Kindest Regards  
Kia Kaha  
Mavis Glasgow Principal

## Events This Week

- Mon 8 June—Piano lessons with Mrs Ganter
- Tues 9 June—Seasons Group
- Tues 9 June—Teacher professional development. Some classes will have some relievers during this day.
- Tues 9 June—Guitar lessons with Mr Brown

## Events Next Week

- Class Speeches throughout week for those who want to share them.
- Fri 19 June—School Assembly (yet to be decided)

**AGRICULTURAL DAY CHICKENS– ORDER FORM**  
**(Orders to be in by Friday 19 June 2020)**

Please supply me with \_\_\_\_\_ hens at \$5.00 each

Total \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

I understand that I must collect the chickens on Tuesday 7 July—the first Tuesday of the July school holidays.  
(Please tick box)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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(Parent Signature)